



THE GRAPEVINE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SANDPOINT, IDAHO
January and February 2024

From the Pastor...

Happy New Year! 2024 is upon us! This is a combined January/February newsletter.

Thank you to everyone for the Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts. You are appreciated. With Christmas Eve on a Sunday, we had a very active conclusion to the Advent Season, and a good response from the community to the candlelight evening service.

We did get a Christmas card in the mail from Anna Bates in Reno. She is doing well, and actively participates in her church. She has a new address. 1350 Grand Summit Drive, # 169, Reno NV 89523. I'm sure she would enjoy receiving cards and letters.

What other activities have you committed to for the year? Any New Year Resolutions? I'm going to try and simplify. One thing about being a part-time pastor with multiple vocations is that the schedule fills up with commitments and there is no extra time to focus on peripherals. Not sure how I'm going to simplify, but that is part of the discovery, and the way Resolutions tend to play out. Whatever it is that you're resolute to try, I hope you have success.

Be sure to keep up with the church worship services, in-person and online. You are encouraged to share the online links with your friends, family, and neighbors. This is one way to spread our reach throughout the world. We also met the budget for 2023! Congratulations! Thank you for your faithful giving. Please consider including the church in your broader estate plans as well. Contact the office for more information.

As New Year Resolutions unfold into another active year, Happy 2024!

Peace and All Good,
 Pastor Andy



SABBATICAL MOMENTS (and Advent Journeys)

Advent has concluded. Three devotionals in December featured a travelogue and reflections by me (Pastor Andy) regarding three phases of the Sabbath Time away.

Reflections from the Sabbatical journey focused on the Redwood Forest of northern California, the ancient waters of the Upper Midwest and a visit to Minnesota and northern Wisconsin, and an east coast saunter to Walden Pond and the area in and around Concord, Massachusetts, where Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau had lived.

A special thank you to Judy Labrie for her help with the Zoom links and OWL camera, and to Judy Labrie and Jane Fritz and Bill Love for helping with the set up and take down of the portable Labyrinth for the final evening.

Pastor Andy



Poinsettia Donations

| Donated By | Reason | Donated For |
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| Mary Bauer | In Memory of | Beloved Parent |
| Cynthia Dalsing | In Honor of | Children: Greta, Nat, Reid |
| Jane Fritz | In Memory of | Marcia & Frank Fritz |
| Sue Helander | In Honor of | Parents: Bob & Rosa Hutsella |
| Chuck & Sylvia Humes | In Honor of | Parents: Marg & Paul Helander |
| Gary Jones | In Memory of | Hal & Rose Seeskin |
| Judy Labrie | In Memory of | Elaine Jones |
| Judy McComish | In Memory of | The Labrie Family |
| | | Philip McComish & our Parents |
| | | John & Betty McComish |
| Kirsten Thompson | In Memory of | Ralph & Frances Fry |
| Mary Sturgis | In Memory of | Helen Thompson |
| | | Roy & Marion Sturgis |
| | | Don & Marilyn Catt |





Sacrament of Communion Sunday January 7, 2024 during worship

Session Meeting Tuesday January 16, 2024

Congregational Meeting January 28, 2024 after Worship

Sacrament of Communion Sunday February 4, 2024 during worship

Suzuki Concert February 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Session Meeting Tuesday February 20, 2024



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January Birthdays

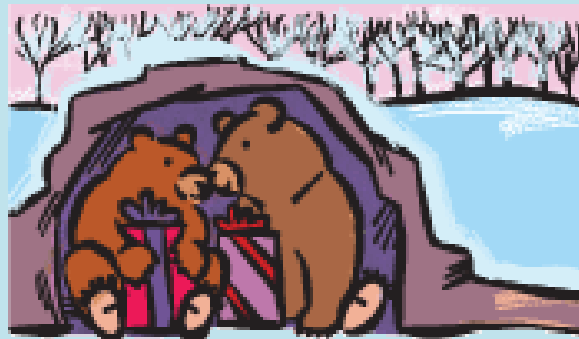
2 Shawna Kennaly

10 Mary Sturgis

11 Mickey Quinn

19 Jane Fritz

21 Dave Sturgis



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February Birthdays

1 Victoria Oliver

13 Laura Forsberg

16 Gary Pietsch

25 Dyno Wahl

26 Dawn Linendoll

Regular Monthly Events



*Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. In-Person and Livestream
Adult Christian Formation Class 9:00 a.m.*

Monday - Al-Anon 6:00 p.m.

*Tuesday Book Study and Contemplative Prayer Group 10:30
a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon on Zoom

Thursday - 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon

7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous



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